Slum dwellers in cities of Uttar Pradesh

1757. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minsiter of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of slum dwellers in Lucknow, Kanpur, Allahabad, Agra, Varanasi, Bareilley and Meerut of Uttar Pradesh and what is the percentage of slum dwellers of these cities;

(b) what assistance has been given by the Central Government to provide to the slum dwellers the basic civic amenities; and

(c) whether any target has been fixed to spend a per capita minimum amount on them if so, what is the amount fixed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) (a) As per the figures supplied by the State Government, the identified slum population in 1981 of the following cities was as under:

City/Town	Slum population (in lakhs)	% age of total population of the city
1. Lucknow	2.85	28 3
2. Kanpur	6.14	37.5
3. Allahabad	1.88	28 9
4. Agra	2.24	29.9
5 Varanasi	2.60	32 6
6. Bareilley	0.83	18 5
7. Meerut	1.80	33 6

(b) and (c) The Scheme of Environmental Improvement of Urban Slums, which aims at provision of basic amenities like drinking water supply, community baths and latrines, street lighting etc , is in the State sector The per capita ceiling cost under the Scheme is Rs 300 Funds for the scheme are provided in the State Annual Plans. During 7th Plan a physical target of covreage of 8 lakh slum dwellers in Uttar Pradesh has been fixed at an estimated cost of Rs 24 crores. In addition, under the World Bank assisted Kanpur Urban Development Project 20,000 slum households are being covered at an estimated cost of $ 8 7M and under the Uttar Pradesh Urban Development Project an amount of $ 8.3 M has been set aside for covering slum households in the whole State of the Uttar Pradesh.

***Recommendations of the Press Council of* India regarding selection of Journalists for officially sponsored visit**

1758 DR BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several Ministries and Departments of Government have not been informed about the recommendations of the Press Council of India regarding selection of press persons for officially sponsored visits;

(b) if so, what are the reasons thereof,

(c) whether several Ministires and Departments have been regularly violating these recommendations by choosing journalists who have been writing pro-Government reports while covering these visits;

(d) whether Government have taken note of inclusion of such sponsored visits by non-media and non-accredited correspondents, and

(e) if so, whether Government propose to stop these practices and honour the recommendations of the Press Council of India in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H K.L. BHAGAT) . (a) to (c) The Press Council's guidelines for selection of journalists